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Keeping the Heart of Woodstock Strong

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This year, as we mark the 250th anniversary of our country's founding, the nation's libraries are celebrating a milestone of their own: the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the American Library Association. Here at home, we also celebrate the 143rd year of the Norman Williams Public Library.



Over the decades, libraries have evolved from simple buildings filled with books into arguably the most versatile civic centers in any community lucky enough to have one. Our librarians want you to know what NWPL really is: a safe, welcoming place for people to gather around books, ideas, and one another.

If you have walked through our doors recently, you have likely felt that vibrant energy. On any given day, our bright rooms hold children discovering their first favorite books, neighbors gathering for lively discussions, remote workers tapping into high-speed internet, and visitors seeking a quiet space to learn and connect.

NWPL is the heart of Woodstock—a place where everyone is welcomed with warmth, respect, and free access to endless possibilities. Our team does far more than check out books. We nurture curiosity, support lifelong learning, and empower our neighbors. We may not have all the answers, but we can always show you where to find them.



A Unique Model for a Unique Community



Many are surprised to learn that NWPL operates on a unique funding model: we are a privately sustained public resource. While our doors and services are open to all, more than two-thirds of our annual operating budget comes directly from community members like you.

We do not rely solely on town tax dollars to keep our daily operations running. Instead, we rely on the generosity of neighbors who believe in the enduring power of a vibrant public library.

Your Impact in Action

When you contribute to the Norman Williams Public Library, your gift directly funds:

- **Free, High-Speed Connectivity:** Maintaining reliable digital access and high-speed Wi-Fi, both inside our historic building and throughout the Village Green.
- **Expanded Programs for All Ages:** From early literacy story hours to engaging lectures, workshops, and lifelong learning series that draw record participation.
- **Open Access to Knowledge & Technology:** Providing print collections, digital media, research databases, and expert staff guidance to every person who walks through our doors.

Help Us Meet Our Goal



As we approach the end of the year, we ask you to renew your support with a tax-deductible gift today. Every contribution—no matter the size—helps us bridge the funding gap and keep these essential services completely free for everyone.



Thank you for your partnership, your patronage, and your generosity. You make this library possible, and we are deeply grateful to have you as part of our story. As always, the staff, volunteers and trustees thank you for your generous support.

With gratitude,

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Make your secure contribution now.

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